

Torrey Town Minutes
Regular Meeting held June 14, 2012
Torrey Town Hall 75 E 100 No
6:00 pm

Present Mayor Adus Dorsey II

Council Members Present

Curtis Cook
Janet Hansen
Ty Markham
Jennifer Howe

Council Members Absent

Welcome: Mayor Adus Dorsey welcomed the people and called the meeting of June 14, 2012 to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor Dorsey stated that this meeting was the regular monthly meeting. A motion was made by Janet Hansen to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Curtis Cook. All council members voted in favor.

Financial Report: Colleen Dudleston Colleen presented the bills that had been paid. Council members accepted the bills. The Budget Report 2012-13 fiscal year that was discussed in the prior public meeting was presented to the council. This included a \$25.00 raise for all council members mayor, and staff helps. Items for the capital project budget were also discussed. The town has stayed within the budget of 2012. A motion was made to adopt the 2012-2013 fiscal budget by council member Jenifer Howe and seconded by Ty Markham. A roll call vote was taken: Janet Hansen yay, Curtis Cook yay, Ty Markham yay, Jenifer Howe, yay. Delinquent water notices scheduled for shut off were signed.

Maintenance Chad Williams Chad gave a report on his upkeep of the water system. He also talked about the new water system and what it would cover. He gave an estimate for the cemetery fence. The fence would be along the back of the cemetery.

Council Reports

Parks Janet Hansen: Janet reported that Lanny Russell finished the block wall for the new grill. The cap rock will be done next week. The new table should be here by next week and ready to use by the 4th. She reported that we were having some trouble with some little girls making mischief in the park. They were hanging on the new volleyball net and filling up the grill with gravel and pine cones. She ask that if anyone saw these things happing to please stop and ask the people to please respect our park. Janet also thanked Chad and Tim for the care of the park and complimented then on how nice they looked Janet would also like the dead trees removed from the park. She reported a leak in the sink in the Pavilion and requested Chad repair it. She reported that the Pavilion has been in use and has reservations every weekend until September.

Roads Curtis Cook: Curtis checked on the price to chip and seal the roads of Torrey. The approximate price would be around \$83,000.00 from Hales. That would be for 3 miles. Chad also got another quote from another company and was over \$67.00 a square foot. Hales would hold that price for two years; this would make it possible to do it over a period of time. We could do half one year and half another.

Cemetery Jennifer Howe: Jennifer thanked Chad and Tim for the care of the cemetery and making it look good for Memorial Day. The Cemetery entrance way is completed and it looked very nice and added so much to our cemetery. Jennifer got an estimate for a fence along the back of the cemetery. The bid came from Lane Jones. The estimate was 18,000 for the fence

Apple Days Ty Markham. There will be a meeting on the 19th at 6 for Apple Days instead of the 26th because of the voting. The T shirts are here and ready to sell. Posters for Big Apple days are here. Dance and games are coming along well. The council members are encouraged to ride in the parade. The clay pigeon shoot will be held at the Lodge at the Red River. There was a concern about fire restrictions. The lodge will be responsible for the insurance. This would be a fund raiser for the fire department with all proceeds going to the fire department. The announcer will be from the roof of the Chuckwagon narrated by George Coombs. Hopefully Mr. Dufay of the National Guard will be able to carry the colors at the front of the parade.

Mayor Report

The Bike path steering committee received a \$25,000.00 from the Mormon Pioneer Heritage foundation for a study the route of the bike path. This money goes to Wayne County. They talked about changing the Trail head up Sand creek. The forest is considering it be moved up to the tanks. The reasoning was because of increased ATV traffic on the road.

Six county associations of Governments is looking after the best interests of Torrey and will help with things that we might need with support money.

Bill Barrett: His meter will remain where it is because it is on a public access road. There was some concern about his having two meters because he will have two structures on his property. The town council approved his plans but did not say he would not need two meters. There was discussion on whether need two meters. The council felt he needed two meters. The town council made Mr. Ito have an extra meter and the council felt that Bill Barrett should have a meter for his guest house also.

Sand creek bridge repair is coming along and will be finished soon. The cement has been poured. It should be ready for the Big Apple Days race.

Met with UDot on the chip and seal along Highway 24;

Looking for a right away over the old bridge on Highway 24 for the bike path.

B and C money was discussed and how much would be available for funding.

Kurt Kudvigson: Kurt is from the rural water and he was here to talk about our water rates. He felt that the Torrey water rate structure was very complicated and suggested that we try to simplify it. His recommendation was that the town should set a different base rate for in town, out of town and commercial regardless of size of line. The charge would be for how much they use. Janet ask for an example, and he said we should charge a base rate rather than the meter size and then set your overage charge. The town operating expenses are right around 100 thousand dollars and that is not taking into consideration depreciation. The town is not funding the depreciation of the water system and these needs to be a line item in the budget so that there is money for repairs and future needs of the water system. He looked at our current loan payments of \$61,525.00 and figured our current operating expenses at \$161,525.00 and our revenue was only \$152 thousand and he figured we were in the hole. The town needs need to bring in \$225 thousand dollars in water revenue to cover depreciation and all the work that needs to be done plus keep our system operating and paying the loan payments. Kurt prepared 7 different Scenarios to help the town cover their needed expenses to keep the water system in good operating order. The council will look at these and discuss how we might need to change our rates in order to cover all of

our needs. The statistics he presented to the town will be very helpful to the council as he broke down how all the amounts of water being used by the people of the water district. Much discussion was heard from the council members about simplifying our water rates. Colleen said she would e-mail our new overages and see how much money the new rates would bring in. He encouraged us to use their services because it is free. He could help us write new ordinances and resolutions for the water if we need it.

Utah National Guard Utah Community Convent Program This is a program designed to help those serving in armed forces as well as those that have returned home. The plan is to go into every community in Utah. He showed a brief video that explained the program. He would like the town of Torrey to participate and sign a community pact on Fair weekend.

Planning and Zoning No Report

Citizen Concern

Ron Gunderson. He was concerned that people were speeding up Center Street and along the town roads. The Mayor said he would meet with the Sheriff and commissioner and would discuss the speed limit. Ron was concerned with the animals being killed on the road. The Mayor said the town did have an ordinance that required ATV to follow the speed limit of 15 MPH. The Mayor said we would discuss the speed limit next month.

Clerk Paula Pace brought up the Cemetery ordinance. It is the same ordinance with the change of one word. The council thought it would be good to post it again. The change was changing the word Torrey to Torrey Town and deleting the perpetual care paragraph. Everything else remained the same. It was just rewritten in a better form. The council had already voted on the raising of the rates earlier in the year,

Pat Kearney Pat wanted to change her rate from commercial rate to residential rates. The Mayor was against doing that. Curtis wanted to know how long she had been she had been paying commercial rates. The Council decided to leave Pat's water rate as it is for now. The council will look at restructuring the water rates next month. Councilmember Janet Hansen presented a plan to tier the water rates. The council said they would address it next month. Much discussion was heard about how to define how the water is used. He suggested that we put in on the agenda for next month and try to solve it as soon as possible. Janet will be on the agenda for next month to discuss the cottage industry for next month. Jen wanted part of the tier to show zero use of water for a business. Jen felt that there should be 3 tiers to the water tier. If a person is conducting a business in their home they should be charged some kind of a commercial rate. The Mayor wanted to sort this out next month. He suggested that each council member think about it and we would come up with a solution next month. Ask the clerk to do that.

Water overages. Several people had concerns about the new water rates and their water bill. The ones that were excessive were checked by Chad and one had a leak. Many people were sure they did not use that much water. This is the first dry summer with so we have no real data to compare. Chad will be happy to look at their meter to see if they have a leak.

Again the question came up about people who may need two water meters. Council member Jen would like to get the problem solved. Jen thinks we should follow the ordinances. Janet thought maybe we should leave it as is and begin with this council to follow the ordinances. If there are two residences on a property they should have two meters. Ty ask if the town would lose money by correcting this issue. Much discussion was heard and it was a consensus that it needed to be taken care of but they were unsure of how to do it. The Mayor wanted to find the minutes to see what has been done in the past. Jen said if it has a kitchen it should be required to have a meter.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Janet Hansen and seconded by Ty Markham.